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MULTICULTURAL DAY AT THE 1995 OHIO STATE FAIR

Columbus — Governor George V. Voinovich today announced the designation of Sunday, August 13 as **Multicultural Day** at the 1995 Ohio State Fair. This year marks the fourth consecutive year of programming that celebrates the rich heritage and traditions of Ohio's multicultural communities. The celebration features entertainment by performing groups and presenters from every geographical region of the state, with representation from African-American, Asian-American, Hispanic, Native American, and Central and East European communities, among others, with a grand total of approximately 600 performers.

The day's festivities commence with multicultural group performances at the Ohio Stage, located just north of the Cox Arts Center, beginning at 11:30 a.m. and continuing throughout the day until the early evening. At 4:15 p.m., the Toyota Dealers daily parade steps off bringing a dazzling display of color and sound to the midway. The Grand Marshals for this year's Multicultural Day parade are student representatives of Stewart Traditional Elementary School, the Governor's Adopt-a-School located in the German Village area of Columbus.

Multicultural Day culminates with an evening performance in the Celeste Center beginning at 7:00 p.m. This year, groups scheduled to perform include the Boiled Buzzards, an old-time Appalachian string band; the Cleveland Kiltie Band and the Lorain Lochaber Pipe Band with the Balmoral Highland Dancers; the Columbus Männerchor and Damenchor, a German singing society; Živili, from Central Ohio performing the dances of the Southern Slavic Nations; Darla's Dancers, cloggers from Southeastern Ohio; An All-Star Polka Band; the WZAK Radio/Dale Edwards Youth Choir, representing Cleveland's African-American community; the Asian-Indian Cultural Dancers from Akron; La Familia and Recuerdos de Mi Tierra, a tejano-style instrumental and dancing ensemble from Toledo; and the Kashtan Ukrainian Dancers from Northeastern Ohio.

The Governor and Mrs. Voinovich are scheduled to attend the official opening of the evening's performance in the Celeste Center.

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"Janet and I are looking forward to this special day of programming at the Ohio State Fair," said Governor Voinovich. "This full day of activities offers a tremendous opportunity for Ohio's many multicultural performing groups to share their talents with all Ohioans and visitors to our state. We encourage everyone to join us for what promises to be a quality, fun-filled day of family entertainment for Ohioans of all ages, and an opportunity to see the great Ohio State Fair with family and friends."

This is the fourth consecutive year that multicultural performances have been featured at the Ohio State Fair and the first year for a featured evening performance at the Celeste Center. Admission to the Multicultural Day programs throughout the day at the Ohio Stage and during the evening at the Celeste Center is free (the purchase of an admission ticket to the State Fair is required).

"Multicultural Day is an important event for the Ohio State Fair and fits the Governor's lifelong commitment to promote our nationality and ethnic communities and performing artists," said August B. Pust, Special Assistant to the Governor for Multicultural Affairs and International Relations. "Some groups will be performing for the first time at the Fair. We are expecting over 25 groups to participate in Multicultural Day, including Mr. Tony Petkovsek, well-known ethnic radio personality and emcee for the show. Also, a special spiritual presentation will be made by representatives of Ohio's Native American community."

Reserved seats for the Celeste Center performance are available in a block for any organized multicultural or ethnic community group, non-profit organization, international program association, or travel, senior citizen and pensioner club. If you would like a block of seats set aside for your group, please contact reserved seat ticket coordinator Mark A. Ozanick in the Governor's Office at 614-644-0894. There is no limit on the number of tickets a group may request. However, please be sure that the tickets requested are used. Tickets will also be available at the door just prior to the start of the show.

For further information regarding the programming and logistics of the Multicultural Day celebration, contact the Ohio State Fair at (614) 644-FAIR. For general information regarding to the Multicultural Day program, contact August B. Pust or Mark A. Ozanick in the Governor's Office at (614) 644-0896. For general information about the 1995 Ohio State Fair, please call the State's Tourist Information office at 1-800-BUCKEYE.

See you at the Fair!

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